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1. JORDAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF BIN SHAKER GAVE AMBASSADOR SEPTEMBER 28 CHART SHOWING GOJ PROPOSAL REGARDING MILITARY MISSION FOR NORTH YEMEN. PROPOSAL INCLUDES NUMBERS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL DESIRED AND COSTS.

2. AMBASSADOR IN ACCEPTING PROPOSAL SAID JORDANIANS SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT THERE WAS NO PRESENT US INTENT TO COMMIT ITSELF TO ANY FUNDING FOR THIS PROPOSAL. IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT SAUDIS HAD PROVIDED -- OR WERE GOING TO PROVIDE -- FUNDS TO YEMEN FOR ITS MILITARY PROGRAM AND THAT SUCH FUNDS WERE ONE POSSIBLE SOURCE. PRIME MINISTER, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, SUGGESTED US MIGHT APPROACH SAUDIS. AMBASSADOR DEMURRED AND SAID IN OUR JUDGEMENT, SINCE FUNDS GOING TO NORTH YEMEN, THEY WERE IN SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER POSITION MAKE SUGGESTION AS TO HOW THEY SHOULD BE SPENT. JORDANIAN PROPOSALS WOULD BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON FOR ITS INFORMATION AND ANY COMMENT IT MIGHT WISH TO MAKE.

3. IN KNOWLEDGE THAT US SURVEY TEAM ABOUT TO DEPART FOR YEMEN, IT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO KNOW GENERAL OUTLINES

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JORDANIAN PROPOSALS. TWO BRIGADIERS WHO PREPARED THEM

APPARENTLY FOCUSSED ON INITIAL MISSION, PURPOSE OF WHICH WOULD BE TO BEGIN TASK OF REBUILDING NORTH YEMEN FORCES AND PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR DOING SO. JORDAN CHIEF OF STAFF SAYS THEY HAVE NOT DEVELOPED FORCE STRUCTURE PROPOSALS OR EQUIPMENT PLANS FOR NORTH YEMEN; THAT WOULD BE OBJECTIVE OF MISSION.

4. JORDANIAN PROPOSAL INCLUDES TWO LIEUTENANT COLONELS, TWENTY MAJORS, NINE CAPTAINS, TWENTY-ONE WARRANT OFFICERS, AND THIRTY-FIVE SERGEANTS. SIX MONTHS' COSTS OF PAY IS ABOUT \$300,000 WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000 (APPROX) FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION AND RESUPPLY FOR SIX MONTHS. DETAILED PAY PROPOSAL BEING SUBMITTED BY POUCH. PICKERING

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